

Edward R. (E.R.) Mason was born in Aberdeen, North Carolina in 1939. Mason came to Onslow County in 1970, accepting the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director positions at White Oak High School. He held both positions for 27 years. Under his guidance, White Oak was the first school in the county to start soccer and swimming programs. The boys' soccer team won a State Championship in 1988. While athletic director, the baseball team set the state's most consecutive wins record of 52 games.

Mr. Mason has been recognized by numerous groups for his contributions, including, North Carolina Association of Educators State Assistant Principal of the Year (1989), North Carolina High School Athletic Association Bill Carver Proclamation (1993, 2003), Region Two Athletic Director of the Year (1998), Dark Horse Walk of Fame (2003), Sampson County Sports Club Hall of Fame (2008), Shaw University Hall of Fame (2013), and the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 100 Administrators to Remember (2013).